

January 26, 2018
The Honorable Chairman Brien J. Sheahan
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, Illinois 62701

RE: Save Coffeen Power Plant

Dear Chairman Sheahan:

I am writing today to show my support of SB 2250. This will provide for the implementation of an Illinois-specific process for securing electric generation resource adequacy and stable pricing for electric capacity within Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., (MISO) Zone 4. We (power plants) are not asking for a bail out. What we are asking for is an even playing field so that we can survive.

The closing of our power plant will be devastating to Montgomery County economy. Our plant provides hundreds of good paying union jobs and closing Coffeen Power Station will not only affect us working at the plants but also those industries that support or depend on us. We support local small businesses with our paychecks. The closure of our plant or any plant within MISO Zone 4 would lead to less local spending due to job loss.

Coffeen Power Plant closing will affect tax revenue for Hillsboro School District, law enforcement and other critical functions of county government. Employees will move from Illinois, let's face it not too many good paying jobs left here.

I plead with you to please fix the MISO region – please make it an even playing field. Please do this for Illinois, the families, our children.

Sincerely,

Trina Britton